

P-20 Council Special Meeting Notes
2nd Floor Cabinet Room, Townsend Building
Dover, DE
Tuesday August 15, 2017

Welcome

President of the State Board Dennis Loftus welcomed Council members to the meeting. The meeting was called to order and a short review of the agenda provided.

Members Present: Dennis Loftus, Susan Bunting, Jon Sheehan, Dusty Blakey, Kendall Massett, Mike Matthews, Kim Sudler, Mark DiMaio, Justina Sapna, , Joanne Finnigan, Patrice Gilliam-Johnson, Jeff Gibson, Kelly Sherretz, Ashley Dalzell-Gray, and Carling Ryan

Others present: Donna Johnson, John Wolgamot, Michael Watson, Shana Payne, Kimberly Kryzanowski, Melissa Rakes, Ariana Minella, Jenna Ahner, and Art Jenkins

P-20 Council Business

Approval of Minutes

Donna Johnson, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, presented the minutes and noted that a quorum of the Council was present. A motion was made by Patrice Gilliam-Johnson to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Jon Sheehan and passed unanimously by voice vote.

P-20 Subcommittee on Reducing Remediation Report

Michael Watson, DOE Chief Academic Officer, and Shana Payne, Director of the Office of Higher Education, provided an update on their committees' ongoing work pertaining to reducing math and English remediation rates. Ms. Payne reviewed the agreements agreed to by Delaware higher education institution regarding using multiple measures for course placement. She outlined that a students who have an SAT-EBRW score of 480 or above will not require placement in a remedial English course and students earning a C or better in a dual enrollment course will also not require remediation. She also discussed the committee's continued work related to potential partnerships including a potential online college course repository, strengthening vertical alignment through professional development, and coordination with teacher preparation programs.

Mr. Watson reviewed analysis of math SAT scores, remediation rates, and explored demographic correlations behind the math remediation data in Delaware. He will update the Council in October and looks forward to sharing the committee's recommendations for next steps and actions to be considered.

Overview of Early Learning Grant, Initiatives and Program Support

Kim Kryzanowski, Executive Director, DOE Office of Early Learning, provided an overview of the priority areas within the office. The four pillars of her office are: A Healthy Start for Children, High Quality Early Learning Programs, Highly Skilled and Supported Workforce, and Engaged Families & Communities. Ms. Kryzanowski also reviewed the details of the Delaware Stars for Early Success, Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP), Delaware Early Learner Survey (DE-ELS), and Part B/619 Preschool Programs, along with other high profile programs for early learning. She highlighted the recent expansion grant received to increase Delaware's Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships in Kent and Sussex Counties.

Update on ESSA state plan

Dr. Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education, updated the council on the state's Every Student Succeeds (ESSA) plan. The plan was approved by United States Education Department in early August, 2017. Dr. Bunting led the group through an interactive activity that explored the details of Delaware's ESSA Plan. Ms. Johnson assisted in the review of the information and closed the activity with an exit slip to gather feedback from the Council members and meeting attendees.

Closing and Discussion of Future Meetings

Ms. Johnson stated that the next P-20 Council meeting would take place October 9th in the Buck Library of the Buena Vista Conference Center. Dr. Loftus brought the meeting to a close with final comments and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.